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No April Fools' - Hope you had a fine fun March 17th! Saint Patrick himself was watching over the Emerald Isle this year, providing balmy light coat weather for our annual celebration festivities on Main Street including the Peaine vs. Saint James tug-of-war and world famous frozen fish toss.

April 2023, two years ago, the Historical Society published our first issue of the Northern Islander. Coming full-circle literally to its original home, first conceived and printed by James Strang in 1850.

Standing on the shoulders of the prior publishers and writers of the paper, an article in 2023 by Jacqueline LaFreniere gave credit and recognition to our predecessors. Shared again this month on page 25.

Serving the Beaver Island community, we're proud of how far we've come in this our 25th edition. As small town papers die around the country, miles from the mainland out here in Lake Michigan we're keeping local journalism alive. No small feat. A success that was not guaranteed. Achieved only through the support and engagement of other island organizations, nonprofits, special events, individuals, businesses, advertisers, volunteers and most key—our loyal subscribers!

Nothing stays static, our paper is no exception. We're in a transition at Editor. With great thanks to Amy Marschner. And welcome to Elsie Burton.

Amy's expertise and career background have been essential to our growth, progress and development. Her creativity and eye for design are reflected on every page. Bravo!

Elsie will introduce herself fully next month. I'll just say she's 100% locally grown and raised - so be assured she "knows" Beaver Island.

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George Broder
Executive Editor

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PRINT SHOP PERSPECTIVE

By Lori Taylor-Blitz

Since 1957, The Beaver Island Historical Society has been working to keep Beaver Island History Alive! We advance this goal through a mission of preserving and sharing the unique history of Beaver Island and the Archipelago.

Remembering Jude Martin and Dale Scamehorn

The Beaver Island Historical Society Board, Staff and Docents mourn the passing of two esteemed Society Docents: Jude Martin and Dale Scamehorn.

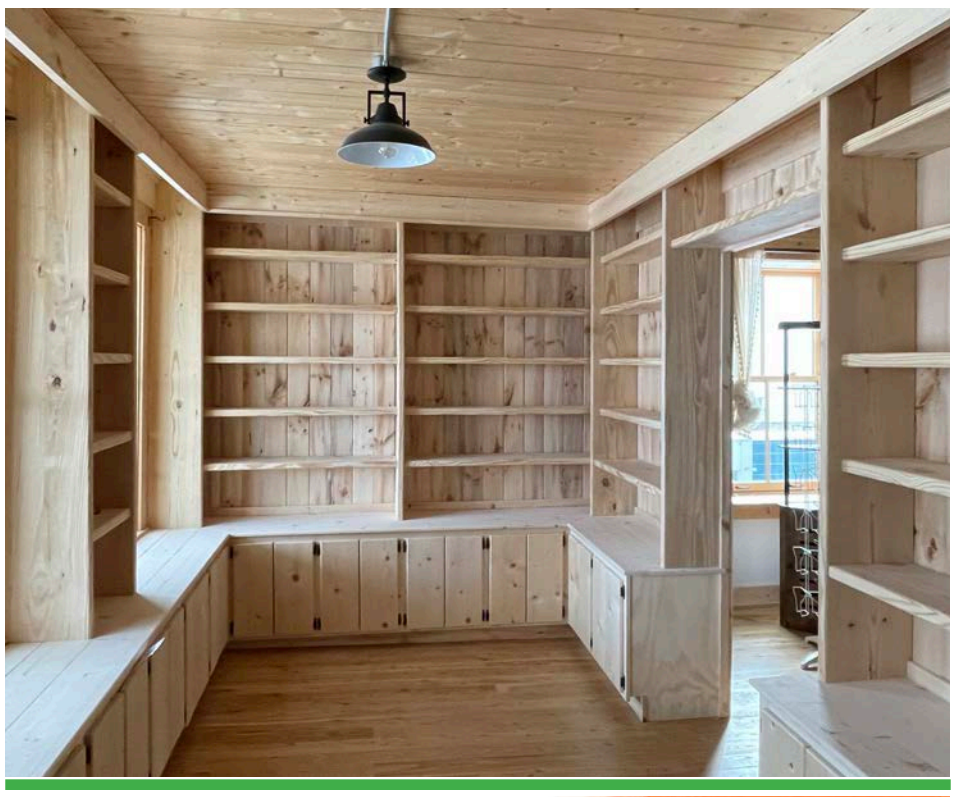
Jude Martin was consistently found dedicating his time at the Marine Museum, where he passionately shared his family's maritime heritage with visitors. His grandfather, Shing Martin, constructed the Net Shed currently housing the Marine Museum. Jude was well-known for sharing numerous fascinating facts with guests and island residents alike. Jude's obituary is found on page 33.

Dale Scamehorn spent many summer afternoons at the Protar Home. Many visitors and islanders remarked on his resemblance to Protar himself. Dale cherished his days volunteering alongside Judy Meister, Sue Oole, and Phil Devers. Dale's obituary is found on page 33.

The Society extends profound gratitude to their families for sharing these remarkable men with us. They will forever be remembered in our hearts and with many fond memories.

What's New at the Museums?

The Museums will officially open during Memorial Day Weekend. An updated schedule will be published in the May paper. The Print Shop Museum now features new artisan cabinetry in the gift shop. This custom woodwork, crafted by Kevin Bousquet, will elegantly showcase our books and various items available for purchase.



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2025 Beaver Island Historical Society Upcoming Events

MAY 9 — Anishinaabe Regalia
Introduction to the different styles of Anishinaabe dance styles and the regalia's. Event starts at 7 pm.

JUNE 6 — Music on the Porch
Music on the Porch RETURNS! Join us on Monday for an evening of Island Music. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy our island favorites!

JUNE 14 — Print Shop Museum Open House
Open house at the Print Shop museum for the 2025 year. Come and visit and enjoy history from 11-4 pm.

JULY 14-18 — 2025 Museum Weeek
Discover Beaver Island history with the annual Museum Week celebrating Protar and Gutsy Women of Beaver Island.

JULY 16-18 — Art Show
Museum Week Art Show during the museum week at the Gregg Fellowship Hall 11-4pm.

JULY 21-25 — Kids Summer Camp
Sign up and join us for a week of exciting activities all centered around Beaver Island's natural environment and invigorating community.

https://www.beaverislandhistory.org/print-shop/

New Film Project to Showcase Beaver Island's Founding Families by Olivia VanSickle

The Beaver Island Historical Society is collaborating with a local production team to present the island's history through a new mini-documentary series. The project aims to document the oral histories of several founding island families, integrating their stories with the natural scenery of Beaver Island.

The series will investigate both the historical backgrounds and contemporary contributions of the families involved. Families will be chosen based on various criteria, including their willingness to participate, recommendations from the Historical Society, available public records, and how their narratives complement others to form a comprehensive story.

For those not selected initially, the producers intend to expand the project if the first series is successful, allowing additional families to share their histories in future episodes.

Production is scheduled to start in late April. This initiative offers the community a method to document and recognize its heritage.

Interested individuals can contact the producers at islandlinesdoc@gmail.com.

Further updates will be provided as the project progresses.

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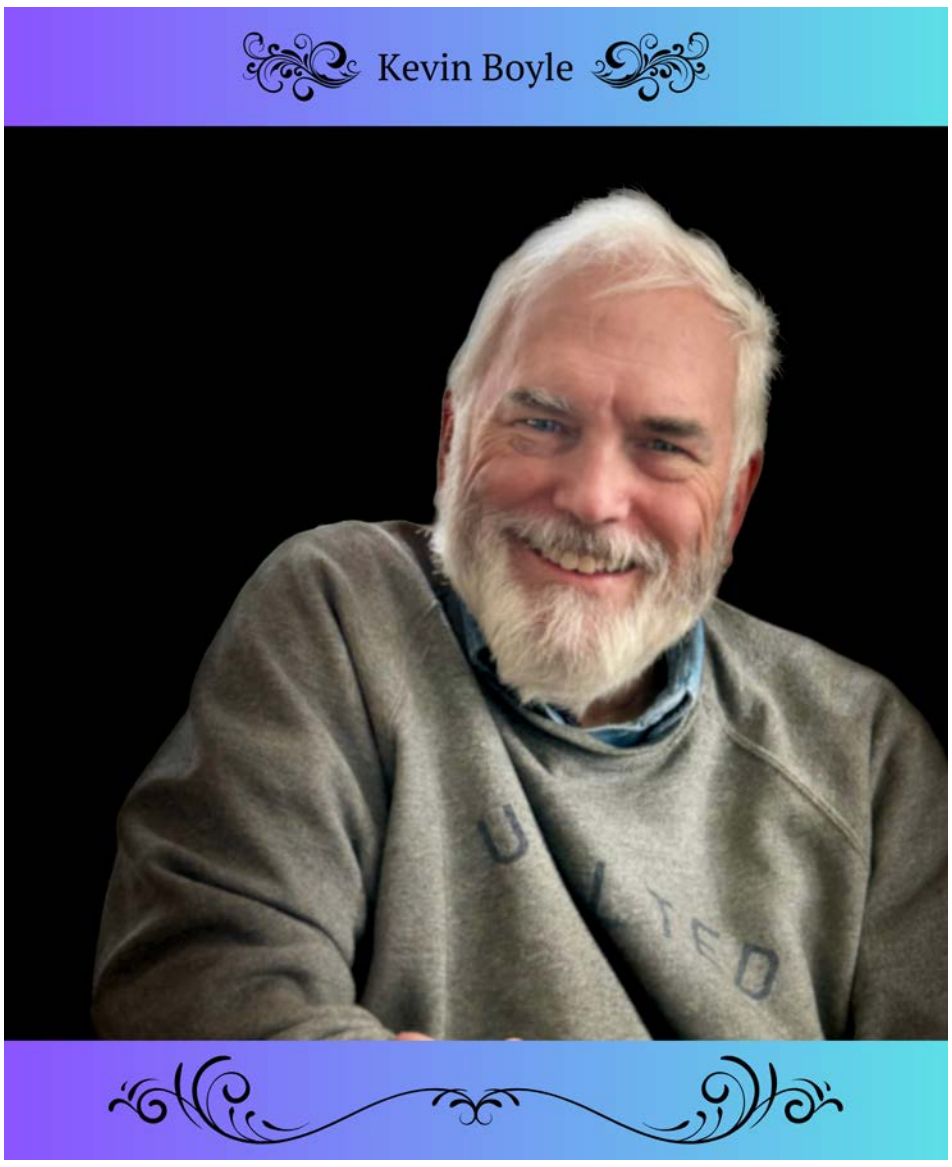
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

By Lois Stipp



A simple question, "What brought you to Beaver Island?", uncovered how a single family decision to take a boat ride could ripple into transformative changes for so many. Kevin Boyle's journey to Beaver Island began with his family's visit to his parents in Traverse City, where a fun boat ride first brought them to the island. Drawn to its charm, the Boyles returned in the fall of 1998 in search of a second home. By 2001, they broke ground on their summer retreat, completing it in 2004.

Recalling those days, Kevin shared, "Judy (Boyle) and the kids would come up during the summer, while I commuted back and forth to Washington, DC. I remember one year my daughter, Emily, clung to the porch column, crying, 'I don't wanna leave.'" This moment planted the seed of a bigger decision, and by 2007, the Boyles had decided Beaver Island was where they wanted to raise their children. Judy moved up with the kids full-time, while Kevin continued to commute.

This move marked the beginning of Kevin's notable contributions to the community. Around the same time, the FCC opened an application window for low-power radio stations—a rare opportunity that Kevin immediately saw as a boon for the island. After much persistence, the Community Center Board approved the idea, and with support from the Langford family, Dennis Winslow, Mark Beltaire and Mo Abele, WVBI was born. This venture sparked Kevin's involvement with the Community Center, leading to roles like building volunteer and board member.

Following his retirement in 2015, Kevin became a full-time islander and dove even deeper into community initiatives. As a volunteer, he started teaching programming and robotics at the school, a project that has since become a cornerstone of innovation for students. Reflecting on the program's decade-long impact, Kevin said, "It feels like an anniversary." His efforts drew the attention of the Michigan robotics program, which encouraged Beaver Island to form a 'First Robotics Team'. "I never even thought it was possible here," Kevin admitted. What began as a way to spark student interest in programming has evolved into an empowering educational endeavor.

Beyond robotics and radio, Kevin serves on the Northern Michigan University Foundation, extending his reach to the broader region. His passion, dedication, and energy leave an indelible mark on Beaver Island. Whether through WVBI, which serves as the community's unique "Voice of Beaver Island," or the growth and learning opportunities provided to students through robotics, Kevin Boyle's contributions shine brightly.

As our conversation ended, Kevin hurried off to the school—another day of teaching and inspiring young minds. Thank you, Kevin, for your unwavering commitment and the countless ways you enrich the island community.

LOCALS ENGAGE IN FUNDRAISING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

By Elsie Burton

Recently, three local Islanders had the opportunity to take part in a tuition-free Certificate in Fund Raising Management (CFRM) program offered by the Charlevoix Community Foundation in partnership with the Petoskey Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation. Prospective students had to submit applications, and 30 nonprofit professionals from the region were chosen to take part. The program selected three students from our one and only Beaver Island: Carol Burton, Lori Taylor-Blitz, and Seamus Norgaard.

Thanks to grant funding from the Herrick Foundation, the entire program was free for all participating professionals. The skills these participants will gain will not only enhance their personal businesses but also benefit the community as a whole. Participants are learning directly from experts at Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, gaining valuable insights into the world of fundraising. Ultimately, the program aims to cultivate masters of fundraising for Charlevoix County—and, thanks to the involvement of our Island representatives, for Beaver Island as well.

The selected participants will continue their studies throughout the year. Their success in the program is a source of great pride for the community.

This opportunity is made possible through grant funding from the Herrick Foundation, in collaboration with the Charlevoix Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

‘IT’S NOT OJIBWA ISLAND’ OWNER SEEKS ACCURATE NAME RECOGNITION

By George Broder

Beaver Island resident Joe Callian, who owns Squaw Island, has written and asked the new Trump administration to correct a significant public misunderstanding about his property. He states emphatically, “It’s not Ojibwa Island.”

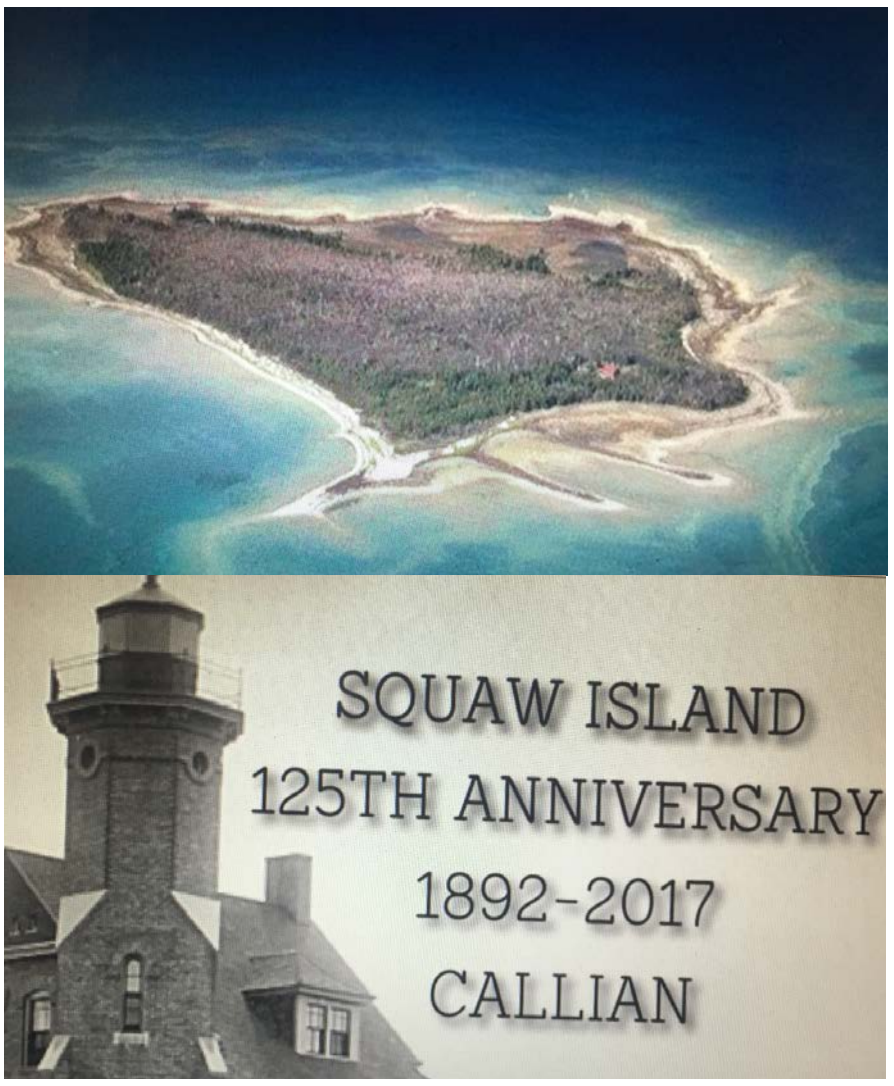
“In 2021 the Interior Department ordered all Federal properties with the name Squaw be changed. Okay, if that’s what you want to do, go ahead. You don’t have the authority to change the name of my private property. Respect that and make sure others don’t think I changed it,” Callian said last month.

Secretarial Order 3404, issued in November, 2021, impacted more than 650 Federal land units that contained the word “Squaw” and went into effect immediately. Ojibwa was the predominant new name with most of these places.

Under the Order, key Federal agencies like the Board of Geographic Names (BGN) and the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS) were apparently unaware of Callian’s private property status. The result of the misclassification is seen across various media platforms and social information sharing networks, including Wikipedia, Google Maps, Apple Maps, and mainstream news articles—all calling it Ojibwa Island.

Callian wrote to then Interior Secretary Haaland last year seeking help to remedy the situation. No reply was received. Callian added, “I’m trying again with new Secretary Burgum. Hopefully he’ll see the injustice, the property rights violation in this and take action.” Callian also contacted Congressman Jack Bergman about the issue to request his active support.

Beyond the BGN and GNIS, he urged the Secretary to alert the U.S. Coast Guard, Army Corps of Engineers along with all other related agencies to the problem and correct name.



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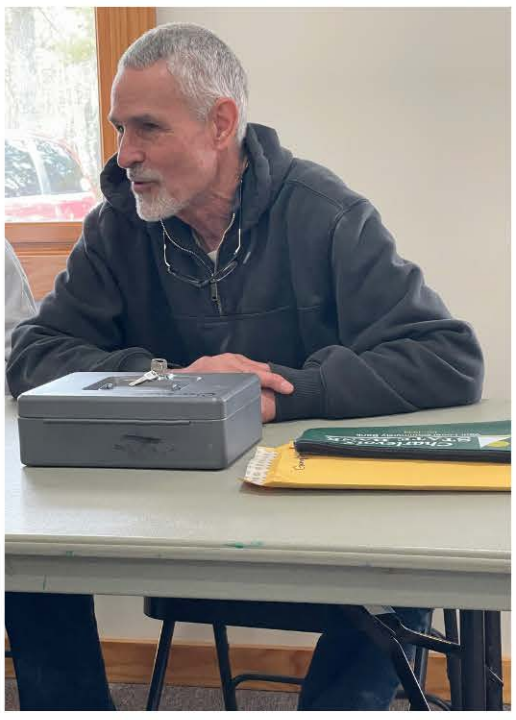

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By Melissa Wiatrolik

Featuring Beaver Island Native American news within Charlevoix and Emmet County native communities.

Ghost Suppers: Feasting with Our Ancestors

By Annette VanDeCar

In order to maintain our culture and traditions surrounding the Ghost Supper under the scrutiny of European missionaries, the Odawa people adapted and incorporated aspects of Christianity into the Ghost Supper.

Originally held in the spring as annual feasts, Ghost Suppers were moved to November, so they were more aligned with the Catholic custom of All Souls Day (praying for the souls of the departed) on November 2.

For years before European contact, Ghost Suppers were held to honor our ancestors who had walked on and to feast with our ancestors. Originally, the community would have a feast with the ancestors at the cemetery, however, missionaries did not like this tradition.

So, instead of holding Ghost Suppers at cemeteries, families started hosting Ghost Suppers at their houses. In more modern times, Ghost Suppers have been held at public venues such as halls, community buildings, universities and at Little Traverse Bay Band (LTBB) Government Buildings in addition to families' homes. As many as 100-200 people can attend the feast and all are welcome.

In addition to families in the tribal community hosting Ghost Suppers this November, the LTBB Legislative Branch and the LTBB SPRING Program each hosted a Ghost Supper on November 15, 2024 and November 22, 2024 respectively at the LTBB Government Center in Harbor Springs, Michigan.

During the SPRING Program Ghost Supper, a remembrance video continually ran showing some of our ancestors who have walked on. Anyone could submit pictures and information about their loved ones who had walked on to be included in the remembrance video.

A sacred fire was tended by firekeeper Noodin Craven during the SPRING Program Ghost Supper. A sacred fire is often lit and maintained during a Ghost Supper. Prayer and reflection near the fire is common as well as offering gifts to our ancestors.

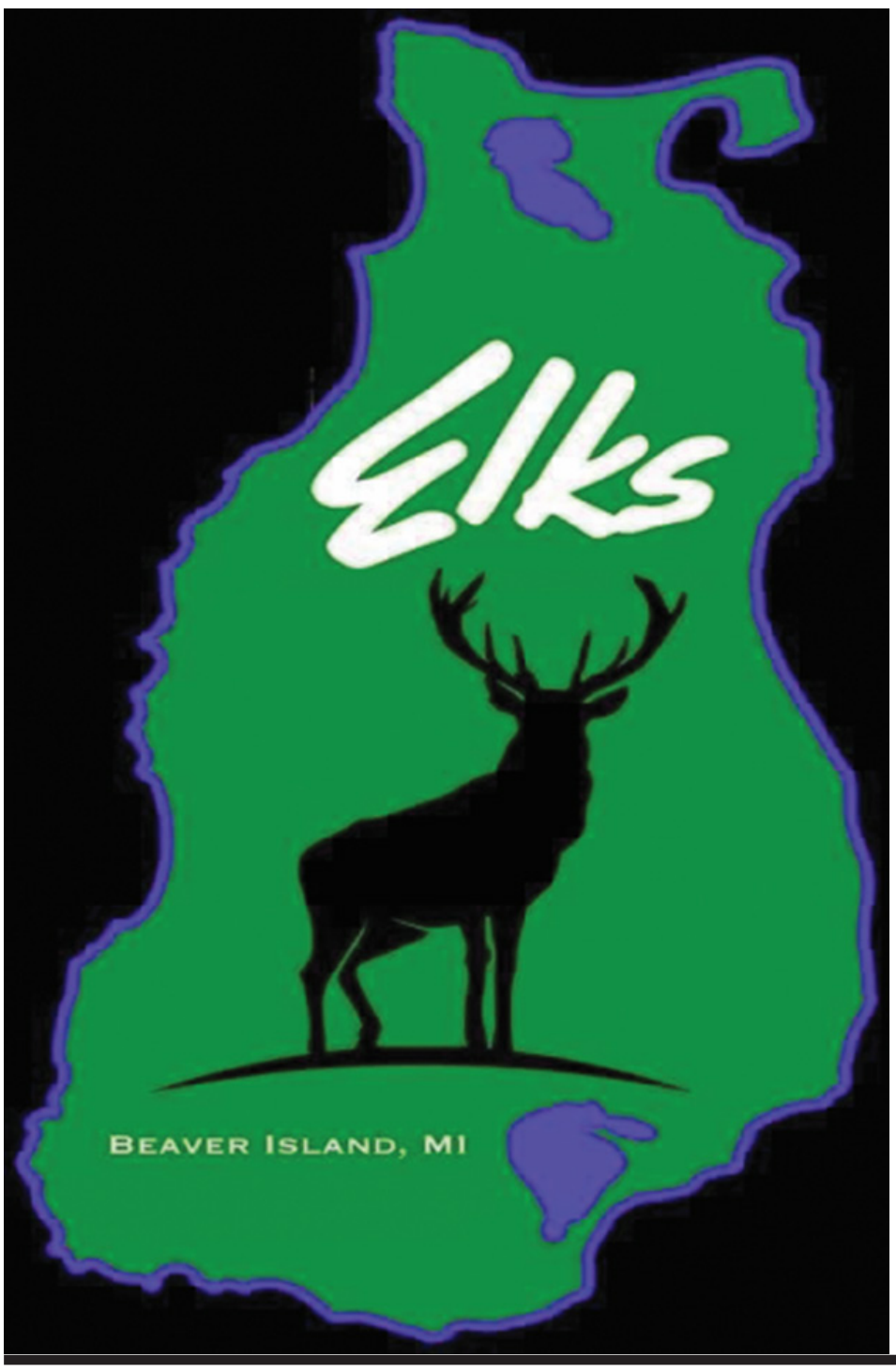
While the Odawa Trails newsletter annually runs a Ghost Supper list, some choose not to list their Ghost Supper on the list and people learn of those Ghost Suppers by word of mouth. Generally, families host their Ghost Suppers on the same day in November such as the first Friday of November or the second Saturday of November, etc.

In October prior to the Ghost Suppers, Odawa people make grave crowns, small flowered wreaths made of crepe or tissue paper, to place on the graves of our ancestors. These grave crowns serve as invitations for our ancestors to attend the Ghost Suppers, and the belief is the wreaths become crowns as ancestors accept their invitations.

Food is often left out for the ancestors to feast on. People will make some of the favorite foods of their ancestors to honor their memory and to offer to them at the feast.

Ghost Suppers are also a social event where community members come together to visit and build camaraderie.

Photos of the SPRING Program Ghost Supper by Communications Coordinator Annette VanDeCar.



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NEWS FROM THE BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

Submitted by Robert Cole

Spring has sprung on our fair isle, with April at your Community Center offering both our regular programs and special Easter celebrations. As always, check out the Community Calendar at biccenter.org for more details, and read below for the highlights.

Five Wednesdays in April means five *Time for Art* classes at 5:00 PM. This month's series features an Open Studio (or possibly an Origami class) on April 2, Silk Screening on April 9, Spring-Themed Painting on April 16, Painting in the Ojibwe Style on April 23, and Paper Making on April 30 - this last class marking the end of our art classes for the off-season. And we've got two *Let's Get Quizzical!* Trivia nights on April 8 and 22 at 6:00 PM for some brain-teasing fun.

Then on Saturday the 19th we've got an *Easter Eggstravaganza!* Carnival. After enjoying a delicious Easter Brunch at the Christian Church, and an Easter Egg Hunt at the Library, come on down to the Community Center to participate in some additional Easter fun from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. This 'fair-like' Eggstravaganza will be loaded with games and activities for kids of all ages - and we'll also be offering pictures with the Easter Bunny for anyone interested in capturing a memorable Easter moment with their family. The BIC Center will provide refreshments along with baked goods donated by community members. (If you'd like to contribute baked goods for this event, please drop them off anytime on Friday the 18th or the morning of Saturday the 19th at the BIC Center.)

April 25 brings an evening of astonishing tricks and delicious eats at *Trino's Magic House Party*. Bring your favorite dish to share and get ready to be amazed as the talented magician Trino dazzles the crowd with mind-blowing magic tricks. It's a night of family fun, laughter, and mystery - perfect for all ages! Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind event where great food meets great entertainment. Come hungry, leave amazed! Reserve your seats at biccenter.org/tickets

On the movie scene, April 5 has a double-feature of the Pixar-animated *Inside Out 2* and the Oscar nominated *Conclave*, a fictionalized account of the process of choosing a new Pope; April 12 features the vintage romantic comedy *An Affair to Remember*; and April 26 is our *Read it & Reel It* Book & Movie series in partnership with the Library - *Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs* at 3:00 PM, a PG-rated animated family comedy based on the bestselling children's book, and a 6:00 PM showing of a film to be announced. See you at your Community Center!

If you have content you would like to share for review, contact the editor of the Northern Islander
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BROADBAND UPDATE

By Dick Mulvihill

The Michigan Office of Rural Prosperity (ORP) recommended the BIA for a Rural Readiness Grant (RRG) award.

This $45,000 grant project for preparing a Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) development plan to determine our community's needs to finance and construct a community-owned fiber network throughout Beaver Island. This includes preparing system design, buildout, and marketing plans by consultants, performing legal services, and project administration.

Our RRG partners are:

- ACD, network design and buildout plan
- Merit Moonshot community outreach marketing plan
- Miller Canfield legal and municipal bonds

The broadband task force has a mid-April meeting with Henry Wolf, OPR, Director of Policy and Grant Programs, to differentiate our application as the most remote inhabited island on the Great Lakes. Our only option to control our digital destiny to ensure the island's financial viability and health of our citizens is to build a $9.3 million FTTH network.

The BIA and the BI Rural Health Center submitted the Beaver Island health, education, and workforce section as part of the Grow Benzie Region 2 Mitten grant application

This month the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office (MIHI) awarded nearly $10.6M to thirteen organizations who will serve as regional hubs providing digital skills training, device distribution programs, online accessibility, access to affordable broadband service and other activities

Grow Benzie Region 2 (Michigan northwestern counties) received a MIHI $857,900 Digital Equity grant.

Digital equity in Beaver Island and the Mitten region emphasizing the need for equity, formal support, and sustainability.

- Regional collaboration seen as crucial for addressing the digital divide, and strategies for effective community engagement and communication
- Workforce development, healthcare, and technology needs for Beaver Island
- Digital equity grant for Beaver Island
  * Emphasizes the importance of sustainability and long-term planning
  * Regular meetings with Beaver Island community to understand needs and advocate for services
  * Beaver Island part-time staff member on island

For more than 10 years the BIA has worked with national broadband policy makers and thought leaders on the challenges over the last 30 years to deliver broadband to the "Poster Child of the Rural Digital Divide".

As a result of those efforts, here is one of the letters of support we received for the Rural Readiness Grant.

Henry Wolf
Office of Rural
Prosperity
701 S Elmwood Ave
Suite #7 Traverse
City, MI 49684

Dear Review Committee,

I am writing to support the efforts of Beaver Island Association seeking Rural Readiness Grant from the Office of Rural Prosperity. The Institute for Local Self-Reliance (ILSR) has supported local community development for more than 50 years and on expanding Internet access for 20 years. We have reviewed efforts in every state and worked on the ground in 45 of them. We believe Beaver Island is a strong candidate for this grant to finally resolve significant gaps in essential local infrastructure.

Beaver Island has studied its options closely for years, including numerous meetings with ILSR staff to review ideas. Over the course of those meetings, it has become clear to us that Beaver Island could continue to fall through the cracks that develop from having incomplete and inaccurate data that suggest existing options are sufficient for enough of the population. Additionally, we have concerns that while the federal EACAM program has potentially allocated funds for the island, there are many reasons to believe the existing dominant provider may not take advantage of that opportunity or would exercise its option far enough in the future to create further lasting harm to the community.

Finally, with the entire USF structure likely to be changed in the near future from a court case, Congressional action, FCC action, or a combination of all three, Michigan should act to support the island with this grant rather than subject local residents to further uncertainty.

Sincerely,

Christopher Mitchell
Director, Community Broadband Networks,
Institute for Local Self-Reliance

CALLING OF THE CLANS WINNERS AND FEILE SPONSORSHIPS

By Kitty McNamara

The Beaver Island Irish Heritage Group board of directors thanks the 145 generous donors who responded to the Calling of the Clans initiative again this year. As a result of the final St Patrick's Day Push, the fundraiser generated approximately $20,000.00, in the names of 12 historic Beaver Island families, to be used to host the 5th Emerald Isle Irish Féile in September of this year.

The families, most of them descendants of Beaver Island's original Irish settlers, vied for the top spot in a competition that started in early February and picked up steam as the March 17th deadline approached. Each clan's leader worked behind the scenes to get their clan motivated. The slagging on social media became more intense as each family pushed for the top spot.

The committee is pleased to announce that Green/Greene Clan can claim bragging rights by raising nearly $6,000.00. Second place in the rankings is the Cull Clan which raised $2,725.00 in donations, and a close third place goes to the Connaghan Clan which raised $2,125.00. The Geen/Greene clan has earned the right to claim the Féile's Hearth area for display of their Clan photos and heirlooms. All these Clans who generously donated will have their family crest displayed at the festival: Boyle, Gillespie, Martin, McCafferty, McCann, McCauley/Malloy, McDonough and O'Donnell.

The funds generated by this initiative are used by the Beaver Island Irish Heritage Group to ensure the longevity of the festival and to make sure that the festival can always bring Féile artists and performers from our sister Island Arranmore, County Donegal, Republic of Ireland. For the 2025 féile, Arranmore Islander Jerry Early will bring a group that is sure to keep things lively as one of his team, Anne Conaghan is planning to teach us all to dance! Also joining the lineup in 2025 are Byrne Brothers, Tartan Terrors, CrossBow, Rory Makem, Stay Happy Band, Danny Gillespie & Friends, Ruby John and others.

As the Calling of the Clans winds up, the board of directors turns its focus to securing sponsorship from the local Beaver Island businesses. This process will begin in early May, providing the businesses with an opportunity to see what the season may bring as they make their commitments to the féile, which extends the tourist season by one week. Business sponsorship is crucial for the success of the Féile, providing the necessary funds to plan, organize, and execute the festival effectively. These contributions cover essential expenses such as artists and entertainment, venue rentals, logistics, and marketing, ensuring the event's quality and reach. By becoming a sponsor, businesses not only help sustain and grow this cherished celebration of Irish culture but also foster community connections that resonate beyond the festival.

We offer several sponsorship opportunities tailored to meet various levels of support. As an Emerald Isle Sponsor ($2,000+), your business will receive prominent visibility with your name/logo on large banners in main music venues, the Féile website, and the festival program. Sponsors will also be mentioned on social media and newspaper promotions, along with receiving four event passes, two event t-shirts, and one walkway sign. Other sponsorship levels include Arranmore Island Sponsor ($1,000-$1,999), Donegal Bay Sponsor ($500-$999), and Paradise Bay Sponsor ($100-$499), each offering unique benefits and recognition. We encourage Beaver Island businesses to take advantage of these opportunities to support a beloved community event while showcasing their commitment to cultural enrichment and community spirit. We look forward to working with you to tailor a sponsorship package to your needs. Check out this link to see our wonderful 2024 Sponsors: https://www.irishfeile.com/2024-supporters/

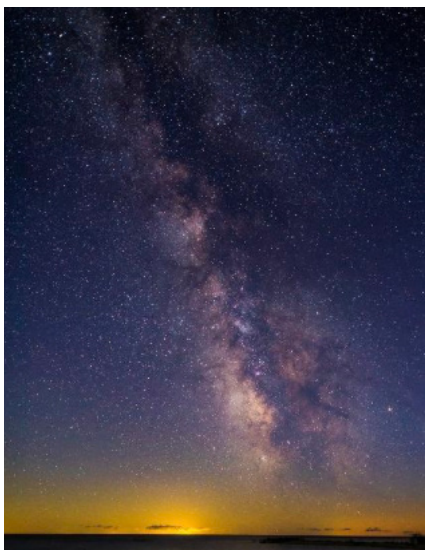
WARBLERS ON THE WATER FIELD TRIP

By Cheryl Oliver Kern

Warblers on the Water will kick off the weekend with Field Trip #1: Dawn at Gull Harbor on Saturday May 24 at 5:00 am. This is the first year that we have offered this field trip to watch the rising of the shore birds and to hear the dawn chorus all while experiencing the magnificent sunrise. This unique protected habitat is along Gull Harbor Drive east of the Whiskey Point Lighthouse. Most of the area consists of shoreline, cedar shrub, and marshy ponds, but there are a few wooded areas behind the open areas. This is an excellent site to observe waterfowl, wading birds, shorebirds, and raptors. The area is used extensively by migrating songbirds in the spring and fall. Coffee, Juice and homemade cinnamon rolls will be provided as part of this trip.

Brennan Schuler will be joining us for the first time as the tour guide for this trip. Brennan began birding in high school and ran a birding podcast with his fellow birder, Terry Grabill. You can find it at BirdGoober.com. Brennan's love for birding is infectious, he loves to share his passion with anyone willing to listen.

We will conclude the weekend on Sunday May 25 at 7 pm Field Trip #10 Expert's Choice Evening Adventure. Our birding and island experts will work together to choose the destinations for this final trip of Warblers on the Water 2025 based on current conditions in the field and the opportunities they present for a grand finale to your special birding adventure on America's Emerald Isle.



Brian Allan will be the primary guide for the final event of the weekend. Brian is a recently retired Optometrist living in Manistee. He is a former member of the Michigan Bird Records Committee, one of the editors of the ABA Birder's Guide to Michigan, the current eBird reviewer for Northwest Michigan, and bird trip leader for several conservation organizations in Michigan. His favorite activity is getting anyone of any age interested in birding by getting them on their "spark" bird.

With near total darkness upon us before we return you'll be able to enjoy the amazing dark sky canopy that covers our remote island at night. You'll see the Milky Way stretching through the sky and more. Learn more about the dark skies of the island and our efforts to secure recognition of part of the island as an International Dark Sky Association Dark Sky Sanctuary at darkskyisland.org.

Please check out all the events that we have planned for this exciting weekend at the Beaver Island Community Center webpage https://biccenter.org

Ed Wojan Realty

Monachino's House – "Pine Run"
House and Garage/Polebarn
32425 East Side Drive

Lot 38 of the Beaver Sands No. 2 Plat. A 1260 square foot home that is a 24'x 30' two-story structure with 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom and a Utility room. This house has 6' stud walls with good insulation for low heating costs. A new roof was put on it just a few years ago. The current replacement of this home structure is $450,000. The upper level of the home has a large living room and a large kitchen area connected by a dining room space. The second story is like a studio-style apartment of its own with room for beds on one side of the living room area. A front deck looks out toward the entry drive and parking area. The kitchen and dining room area look inland through sliding glass doors over a large deck on the back, overlooking a pine grove and fruit trees near the house. The property also has a 28' x 40' Garage/Polebarn with 14' side walls and inside parking. It has a corner workshop area with tons of room in the front for storing snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles. It is a good structure for anyone who wants a separate space to work or for storing wood, outside furniture, bicycles, kayaks, etc. This accessory building has about a $100,000 replacement cost. The lot is 100' wide with 120' along East Side Drive; it is 774 feet deep and is 1.7 acres. The raw land value is right around $20,000. Vesty's River runs across this lot, not quite halfway back from the East Side road. The lot is large enough for you to put in a garden area, more fruit trees, or a clover food plot for viewing wildlife. This house, pole barn, and lot have plenty of potential as a year-round home, a second home, or an income property. The total replacement cost is about $575,000, so this offering is priced right at an asking price of only $360,000.

BEAVER ISLAND WILDLIFE CLUB

By Jacque LaFreniere

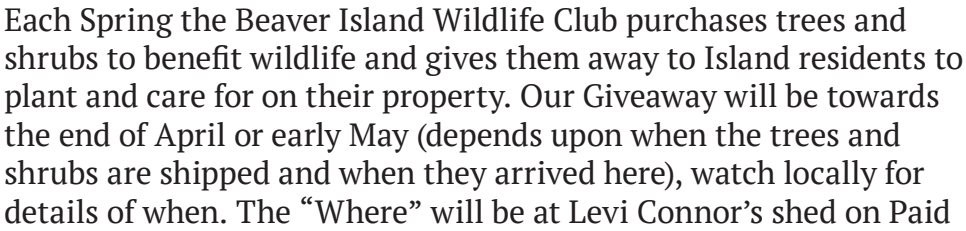
The Beaver Island Wildlife Club Tree and Shrub Giveaway!

Each Spring the Beaver Island Wildlife Club purchases trees and shrubs to benefit wildlife and gives them away to Island residents to plant and care for on their property. Our Giveaway will be towards the end of April or early May (depends upon when the trees and shrubs are shipped and when they arrived here), watch locally for details of when. The "Where" will be at Levi Connor's shed on Paid Een Ogs Road. This year, the first day of Giveaway will be for members only, so join up. A one-year membership is only $25, a five year is $75 and a lifetime is $250.

Send your membership check, contact information including email and phone to BIWC, PO Box 335, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

The trees we ordered this year are Domestic Apple, Wild Pear, and Hybrid Chestnuts. For these only, we will also be giving out seedling protector tubes and stakes. The shrubs ordered are Serviceberry, Elderberry, Dogwood, Hazelnut and Cranberry. There will be 50 of each tree and shrub variety.

Any questions ask a board member: Levi Connor, Jacque or Mark LaFreniere, Bruce Beaudoin, Don Tritsch, Brian Antkoviak, Tim Warmerdam, Ben Mach, or Shelby Harris.



Thank you!

Dear Docents of the Beaver Island Historical Society,

Thank you for your dedication and passion in preserving Beaver Island's rich history. Your volunteer work at the Print Shop Museum, Marine Museum, and Protar's home makes a lasting impact on our community and visitors. We are truly grateful for your time and energy in sharing these important historical sites with everyone. Your commitment ensures that Beaver Island's legacy continues to thrive for generations to come.

With sincere appreciation,
Everyone at the Beaver Island Historical Society

Beaver Island District Library

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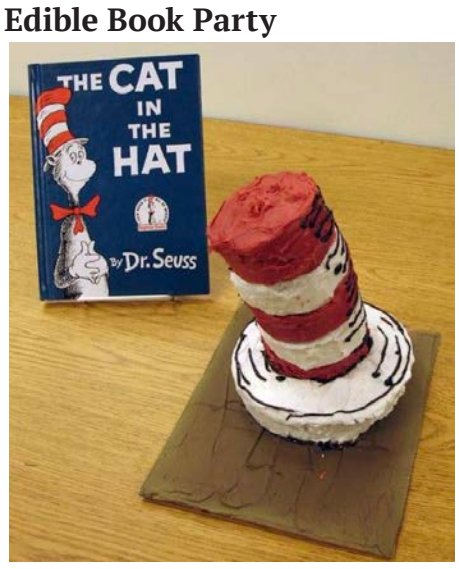
Easter Egg Hunt at the BIDL

Join us for another great Easter Egg-streme Hunt on April 19 at 1:30pm. Open to all ages. Be sure to bring your basket. We hope to see you there. Volunteers needed to set up. Also, if you wish to donate candy or toys for the eggs, it will be gladly accepted!

Edible Book Party



On April 26, 1pm-3pm, we will be hosting our 1st Edible Book Party. A tasty tribute to literature. Use your culinary skills to craft a delicious masterpiece inspired by a book, character, or author. This could be a cake designed like a book cover, cookies shaped like characters, or a dish that represents a scene from a book. So come hungry and head to the BIC Center afterwards for more delicious movies. HINT: check out Pinterest for some great ideas!

Sally Rook, Indigenous craftswoman, at the BIDL

The BICS students took part in an amazing Indigenous craft activity with Sally Rook. Sally took the time to explain the history and meaning behind each craft and shared some of her native language with the kids. The 3rd/4th grade made medicine pouches. 5th/6th grade made dream catchers. The junior and senior high school students made bone chokers.

Sally also led a beaded jewelry class for the community in which participants took home their own beautifully beaded earrings.

The island would like to say a big MIIGWETCH (thank you) to Sally.

Made possible through a grant from the C3F.org

Read and Reel For April

On April 26, this month's read and reel will feature "Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs" and "Julia and Julia". The books will be available at the Library and the movies will be shown at the Community Center.

Celebrate Reading of all kinds! Our Library contains print, audio, braille, large print and more. Reading is accessible to everyone! BIDL is now a part of a program that offers free Braille and Talking Book Library selections. You may check them out online, or contact BIDL for a quick and easy application. That All May Read!

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Michigan Seed Library Network
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Seed libraries across Michigan are coming together to promote growing, saving and sharing seeds!
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MISSION: To strengthen our community by collectively growing one variety and providing a shared experience that teaches people how to grow nutritious food and save seeds.

New Seeds have arrived and are available for adoption at the Library. Come in and browse.

Celebrate National Library Week April 6–12, 2025

What draws people to the library? Everything! From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities.

National Library Week, April 6–12, 2025, is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning.

At Beaver Island District Library we invite the community to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer. Our library provides many programs for all ages including Babies and Toddlers Mix-Up, Storytime, Teen Café, and programs such as Fiero Code Club, BOBI (Book Club), author visits, and more, ensuring that everyone has access to resources that educate, inspire, and connect.

Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone. Whether you're preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, Beaver Island District Library is here to support your journey. Libraries serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities.

This National Library Week, take time to rediscover the library and see how it draws us together as a community. Whether you're visiting for books, resources, or a place to connect, Beaver Island District Library is here for you.

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

For more information about National Library Week events at Beaver Island District Library, visitbeaverisland.michlibrary.org and follow us on Facebook.

April is Michigan Financial Wellness Month!

Kids during Storytime this month will receive their own copy of Save It! by Cinders McLeod. During storytime, there will be activities related to the theme, encouraging the kids to learn about personal finances.

VISIT THE BEAVER ISLAND DISTRICT LIBRARY!

MEET KATHRYN EISENMANN

By Michelle LaFreniere

Kathryn Eisenmann, Ph.D., Professor at the University of Toledo's College of Medicine is truly a success story. She was born and raised in New Jersey to immigrant parents. Her father is from Germany, and her mother from the Netherlands, but also Indonesia. They came after the 2nd World War, not speaking a word of English and met working in an A&P store. He was a butcher, and she was the meat wrapper.

Kate and her husband Pete first came to the island during the pandemic in October of 2020. They were informally looking for a place on Lake Michigan and they loved islands. This fit the bill. They first rented a home for 10 days just 2 doors down from their current home. During that visit they fell in love with our sleepy little town that felt like an actual community. They did what everyone does on vacation. They dreamed of owning a place here. They found their home while out for a walk in the neighborhood, and after crunching numbers they did the proverbial "held our noses and jumped" as Kate said. They have grown to love our island even more since then.

One of the biggest reasons I chose Kate to interview (besides her awesome, fun, and sweet personality) is because in a little conversation we had at the airport one day, I discovered something HUGE to me.

Kate, in conjunction with being a professor teaching medical students, researches and studies brain cancer. If you know me, those very words bring me to tears. Every. Damn. Time.

Our community has lost so many to this ugly, ugly disease. My brother Gerald, Caitlin Boyle, Barb Schwartzfisher, Wendy Kenwabikise, Camille Skinner and many more whose names escape me at the moment. I personally loved these people. I watched them all fight and fight and seeing nothing work. It was very heartbreaking to say the least.

When I talk with Kate I am cautiously optimistic, I am hopeful. She is as passionate about figuring out how to beat this, as I am about not losing another soul to this.

She started her lab studying glioblastoma when others were studying breast and prostate cancers.Her collaboration with a neurosurgeon, Jason Schroeder, proved to be mutually beneficial. He was excited about researching the tumors but didn't know how to do it. Kate did. When the pathologists took what they needed, Kate and Jason were sometimes able to get what was left. The incredible amount of paperwork she explained to me is exhausting. Apparently you can't just waltz in and say hey, can I have that tumor?

She has built the largest glioblastoma cell line bank in probably the United States, maybe even the world. She has developed a way to keep the tumor cells alive while they see how they respond to different treatments, etc. She is studying the cells of a wide cross section of people. Different ages, races, genders. I am so intrigued by this.

One thing they have discovered is that these "fingers" or "tentacles" of these tumors have something called tumor microtubes on them. When those microtubes connect they communicate. Communicating makes them grow and become stronger. One of the reasons that conventional treatments have not worked is because when they attempt a chemotherapy treatment, it disperses among those tubes rendering it not as effective. It "shares the wealth" so to speak so the tumor only actually gets a small fraction of the actual treatment. I really hope I am explaining this correctly.

Her studies involve finding ways to stop the communication between those cells. That is the key to successfully treating it. They are starting to understand the ways that this horrible tumor gets around everything they throw at it. Another key is studying the differences between the initial tumor and the tumor after treatment.

Pictured: Pete and Kate Eisenmann

This phase of her research has admittedly slowed down a bit, with the decline of grants available to researchers. She still collects the cells but disperses them to other researchers who have more resources.

When her research slowed down she found a new niche that it turns out she is good at. Teaching about blood and solid tumor cancers as well as metabolic disorders.

On a lighter note, Kate and Pete have five fur children (Greg, Pippen, Dude, Merry and Weber). I believe more than one of those kitties are foster fails. The failures are always the best in my opinion.

You will see them participating in various community activities. If you have participated in the fall festival downtown, you have likely met both of them. They are the apple cider people. They make some amazing apple butter and apple barbecue sauces. I can attest to this personally.

We ended our visit just talking about our personal struggles with cancer in our families, and how grateful we are for caring nurses and doctors that make our loved ones journey a little easier. To sum up our visit I would say it's probably the most informative conversation I've had in years. Kate is just an amazing human who

2025 Beaver Island Historical Society Upcoming Events

AUGUST 11 — Music on the Porch
Join us on a Monday for an evening of Island Music. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy our island favorites! Event starts at 7 pm.

AUGUST 15-16 — 2025 Film Festival
The BIHS presents its 2025 Film Festival. All films are Michigan Made and the producers will be presenting their respective films and chatting with the audience. Evenings at 7 pm and Saturday Matinee time TBD

AUGUST 17 — Beaver Head Lighthouse Open House
This Place Matters Picnic and tours. Event starts at 1 pm.

SEPT 26 — ANISHNAABE TRADITION AND CULTURE VIEWS
Introduction to Great Lakes Anishnaabe and the current governance structure. Event starts at 7 pm.

OCT 13 — History of LTBB and GTB Tribes
Learn how these two sister Tribes govern themselves and the history of how they became sovereign. Events starts at 5:30 pm.

DEC 5 — Holiday Social
Join us for the Annual Holiday Social. The museum will be adorned with holiday decorations, so come see us and enjoy. Event starts at 6 pm.

https://www.beaverislandhistory.org/print-shop/
For more information visit the site

Terry Mooney's Yogurt Chicken

Submitted by Rach Becker

Each month, we will be featuring recipes that are sure to have you coming back for second helpings. These are the recipes that we grew up with and still make today.

Tried and True Favorite Family Recipes

Terry's parents, Don and Eleanor (Pischner) were born and raised on Beaver Island. They moved to the Detroit area after getting married, where they started their family. Terry was the third child born to Don and Eleanor. Her older sister Sheri is three minutes older! The family moved to Arizona and eventually moved back to Beaver Island where the kids would graduate.

After graduation, Terry moved back to Arizona and has been there since. Now retired, she spends her summers on Beaver Island.

This month's dish is an old Mormon family recipe that Terry was given by her friend, Holli Sanders. The Mooney family jokes that there could be some speculation of whether she was possibly a descendent of Colonel Sanders himself!

Ingredients:

8 ounces plain yogurt
4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
2 cups Ritz crackers, crumbled
3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
3/4 teaspoon onion powder
3/4 cup margarine, melted
8 teaspoons parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper

Combine crackers, garlic powder, onion powder, parmesan, and salt and pepper, to taste. Dip chicken in yogurt, then roll in cracker mixture. Place in baking dish. Pour margarine over the chicken. Bake covered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, removing the cover after 30 minutes.

Blasta! (Irish for delicious)

Museum Week
EVENT SCHEDULE
JULY 14-17
MONDAY
Music on the Porch
Island Musicians start at 7 PM.
Bring a lawn chair or use one of ours.
TUESDAY
Beaver Isle, the musical:
Protar & Bonner up close and personal Part 1
A reading of the 2-act play by David R. Hill (with 14 songs)
WEDNESDAY
Beaver Isle, the musical:
Protar & Bonner up close and personal Part 2
THURSDAY
Gutsy Women of Beaver Island
Our 4th Annual recognition event of our beloved Island Matriarchs.
Beaver Isle
A Musical in Two Acts
Donegal Dreams

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Photos submitted by:
Lori Taylor-Blitz,
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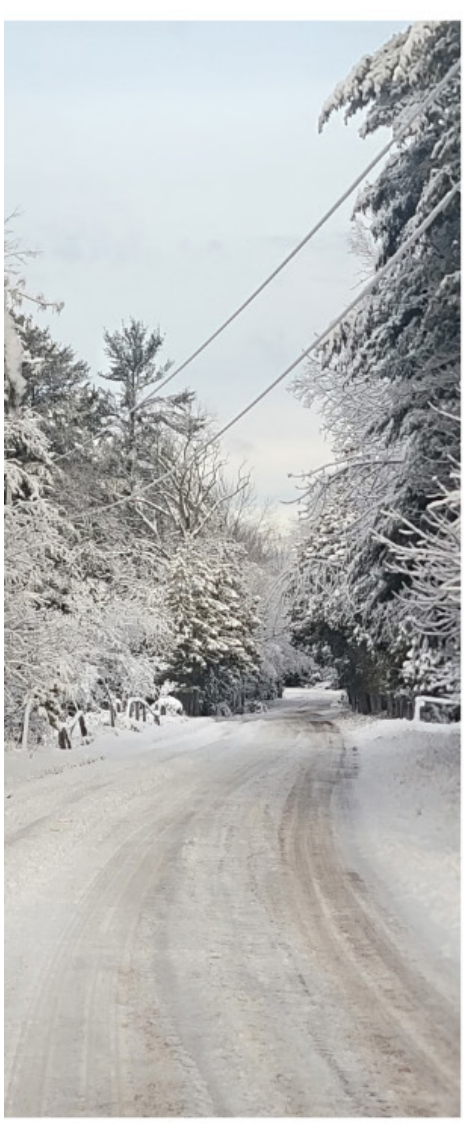
and Michelle LaFreniere



Community Craic

Featuring St. Patrick's Day on Beaver Island

Photos submitted by: George Broder

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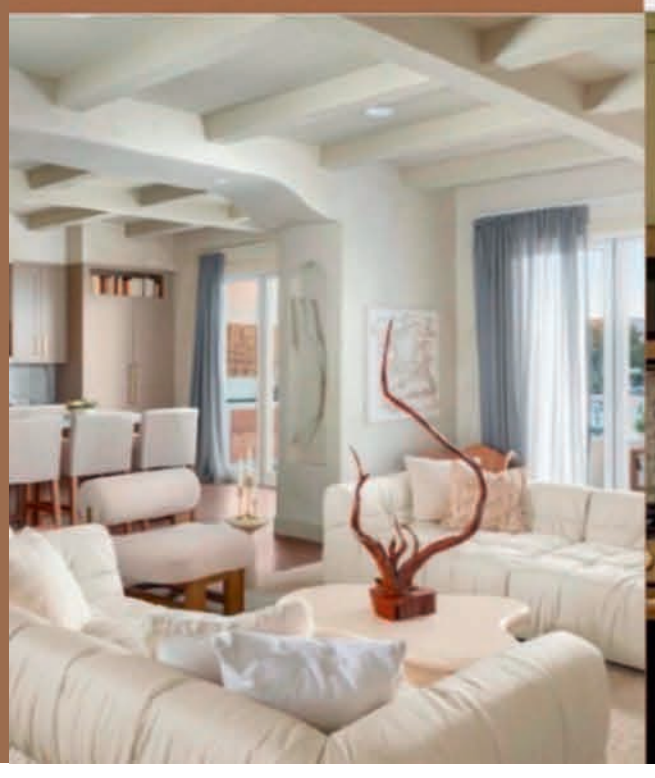

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10th Annual Sustainability Fair

June 16-21 2025

Resiliency

16 Monday

Tribal Fisheries & Dark Sky Project

7pm- Fisheries Biologist at Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians presentation on Michigamme fisheries
8pm-Beaver Island Dark Sky Project screening, ecological significance and lighting pledge

7-9 pm
CMU Biological Station

17 Tuesday

Energy Day

3pm- University of Michigan Wave Energy Demonstration
7pm- Pacific Northwest National Laboratories Final Energy Report
8pm-Keen energy audit
8:30pm- Slipstream presentation

3pm, 7-8:30 pm
CMU Auditorium

18 Wednesday

Green Innovations & Critical Hope

7pm- Dr. Dan Wickham Sludgehammer Septic Innovations
8pm- Grand Valley State University conversation and community safe space on climate change and critical hope

7-9 pm
CMU Auditorium

19 Thursday

Resilience Camp Site

1pm- Tara's Meadow and Grand Valley State University student resilience camp site construction

1-4:30 pm
Tara's Meadow

20 Friday

Braiding Irish and Native Cultures

3pm- John Two Hawks reception at the historical museum
7pm- Native and Irish Dance at the community center
8-9:30pm- John Two Hawks concert

3 pm, 7-9:30 pm
BI Historical Museum, Community Center

21 Saturday

Tabling & Tara's Meadow Solstice Celebration

9am- Open Ceremony at Paradise Park
10-12pm- Community Tabling Event at BI Community Center
1-5:30pm- Music, Ceremony and snacks for 20 year Solstice Celebration at Tara's Meadow

9-12pm, 1-5:30 pm
Paradise Bay Park, Community Center, Tara's Meadow

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TARA'S MEADOW 20TH ANNIVERSARY

By Seamus Norgaard

June 21, 1:00 - 5:30 p.m., Open House Solstice Celebration & Tara's Meadow Anniversary

Want to learn more about the work of Tara's Meadow Education and Retreat Center?

On June 21, Tara's Meadow will Celebrate its 20th year with a Summer Solstice "open house" on our 30 acre Nature Sanctuary. There will be music, snacks, ceremony, and educational tours of Tara's Meadow Resilience Camp and the new Dark Sky Viewing Site.

We will be hosting this Celebration along with the Amik Circle Society and Beaver Island's Dark Sky Project. Everyone is welcome to this free event! So mark this date down on your calendar, as part of a rich weeklong series of events during Beaver Island's 2025 Sustainability Fair Week (see adjacent calendar of events).

Tara's Meadow held its first Solstice Celebration in 2005 and was founded as a nonprofit in 2018, offering Labor Day Weekend Retreats, Men's and Women's gatherings, and Youth Mentorship Environmental Stewardship opportunities. Here's what our visitors' have to say:

"My experience in experiential learning at Tara's Meadow, on Beaver Island, was life-altering. Living in nature allowed me to open my mind to the connectedness of humans in the environment, and brought the need for sustainability to the forefront . . . Wisdom has been said to be the practical application of knowledge. If this statement is true, then we all left Tara's Meadow not only more informed and educated, but as wiser and more humbled individuals."
- BILLY

"If I would have known that the right people with the right tools were out there for me to start healing, I would have come to Tara's Meadow a LONG time ago. This was my most therapeutic, genuine, first step towards major healing, self-awareness and personal growth"
- GINA

Tara's Meadow's recent achievements include:

Youth Mentorship and Environmental Stewardship
Tara's Meadow connects young adults with inspiring role models and peer mentors in the environmental stewardship field. We have actively engaged over 150 young adults from four universities with "real talk" and "real action" projects - encouraging hope and resilience in the face of climate change and other stressors in today's world.

The Beaver Island Sustainability Initiative
With its many on and off island partners, Tara's Meadow launched the "Beaver Island Sustainability Initiative" (BISI) focused on smart energy, local food systems, and cultural and ecological resilience. With our supporters' help we were awarded the Department of Energy's prestigious "Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project" (ETIPP) in 2022, helping us to build community engagement for model smart energy projects on the Island.

The Beaver Island Sustainability Fair
For the past nine years, we have taken the lead with partnering organizations to host the annual Beaver Island Sustainability Fair. We have connected over 1,000 citizens with sustainability experts, showcasing the environmental and cultural work taking place on the island.

Retreats and Workshops
Tara's Meadow offers a variety of workshops every summer, helping folks step into their own fruition and agency, while also building community and fostering "Earth Peace" harmony with all other life on the planet. Over the past 20 years we have hosted over 50 retreats as we continue to offer places for solace, restoration and relaxation for our guests.

Our retreats this summer will include:

- June 12-15 WOMEN'S RETREAT -- "RADICAL SELF-CARE, CENTERING, AND SAFETY: RECAPTURING FEMININE WISDOM"
- June 21: 20 YR SOLSTICE CELEBRATION "OPEN HOUSE" AT TARA'S MEADOW
- June 16-21 Annual BEAVER ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY FAIR (see calendar on page 19)
- August 29-31 LABOR DAY WEEKEND RETREAT

Tara's Meadow is just one small place on this planet on remote and beautiful Beaver Island, but we have large impacts on people's hearts and spirits. We support individuals and communities living to their fullest in Earth Peace - the harmony of our species with all others. We accomplish this by offering sustainability programs, youth mentorship and environmental stewardship projects, and self-growth retreats that emphasize leadership & kindness, mentorship & diversity, and authentic environmental citizenship.

STORIES BEHIND THE NAMES OF ISLANDERS LOST AT SEA

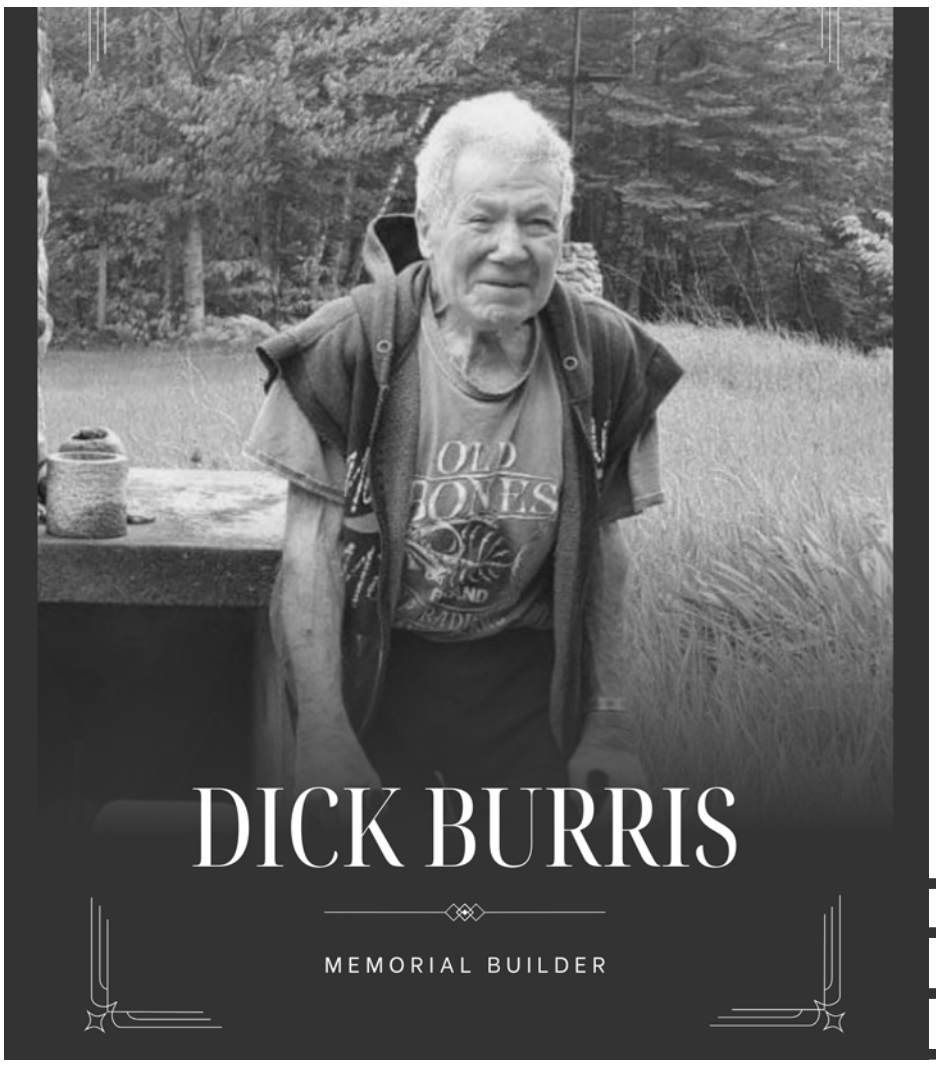
By Connie Wojan

Joseph Palmer is the fourth name listed on the memorial for Beaver Islanders who died on the Great Lakes (built by Dick Burris with the help of Dave Gladish) which stands near the Whiskey Point lighthouse. Joseph was a Scotsman born in 1825. The 1850 Census shows him married to Anna Williams, his occupation "seaman" and living on Mackinac Island. Like Parick Carmody and the Martin brothers, the Palmer family was one of the earliest to settle on Beaver Island. In Vol. II of The Journal of Beaver Island History, (JBIH) Helen Collar states that Mary Palmer Floyd, daughter of Joseph and Anna, had clear memories of seeing King Strang as a child and that the Palmer family "returned to Beaver Island immediately after the expulsion of the Mormons." (Collar Vol. II JBIH) Descendants of Joseph Palmer remain living on Beaver Island today.

The memorial plaque shows Joseph died in 1869, the same year that Patrick Carmody and Edward and Michael Martin perished. Considering Palmer's documented presence on Beaver years earlier, it is tempting to guess that he drowned with them in the same fishing accident. Only a hand-drawn family tree in Beaver Island Historical society files shows this to be untrue. Scrawled next to Joseph's name are the barely legible words: "drown with group from St. Helena Island." St. Helena Island, consisting of 266 acres, is located two miles offshore from the Upper Peninsula and ten miles west of Mackinac Island. It offers an excellent harbor of refuge surrounded by dangerous shoals. During the late 1850's and 1860's a community of over two hundred people used it as a summer fishing camp. Elizabeth Whitney Williams, author of Child of the Sea, spent summers as a young child on St. Helena Island. She remembers members of the Williams family (relatives of Joe's wife Anna) living on St. Helena and that everyone, including her own family, traveled in small boats to and from the surrounding islands, Wisconsin, and the upper and lower peninsulas. "The boats were our carriages, and the wind our steeds. Sometimes there were accidents and many were drowned, still people had to live, and their work was on the water most of the time." We will never know who were among the "group" from St. Helena or why they ventured out, only that travelling the Great Lakes in small boats with no way of predicting the weather was often deadly.

At the time of his drowning Joseph was about forty-four and the father of at least six sons and five daughters. The youngest son, Jerimiah was born in August 1869, the same year as his father's demise. Here we find a heartrending similarity to the deaths of the three other Beaver Islanders lost in 1869: A widow left without support for young children who would never know their father.

A note from the author: I would urge all interested in the history of Beaver Island to buy or borrow copies of the Journals of Beaver Island History from which much of the information contained in this series of articles comes.



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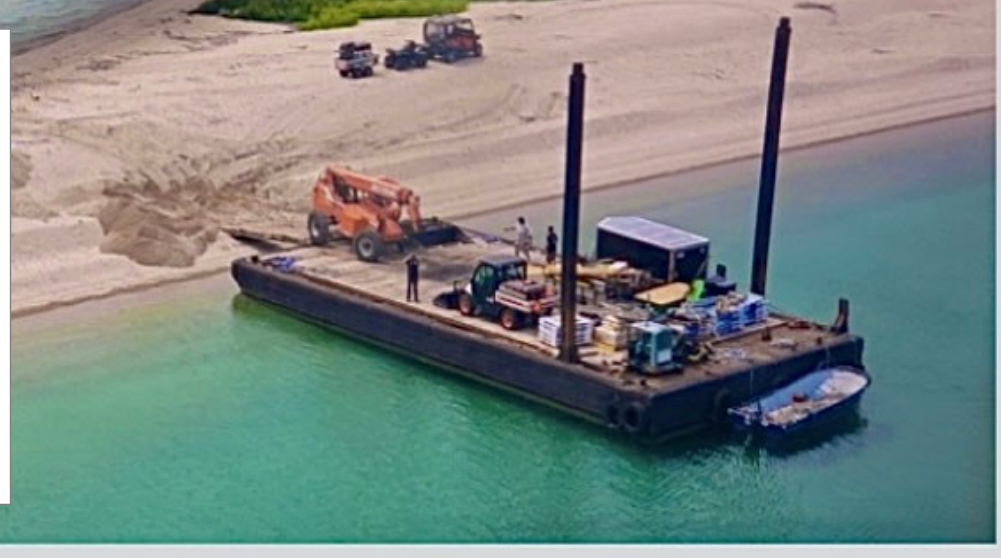

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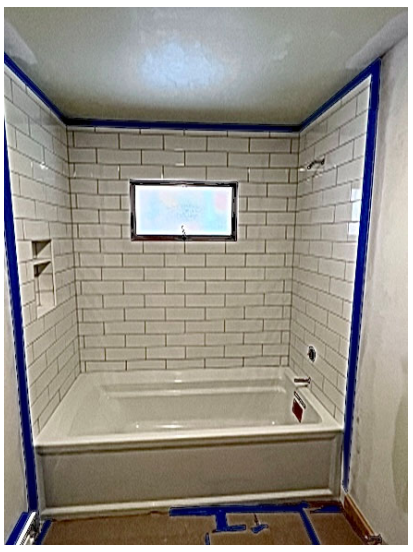

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PEAINE TOWNSHIP WELCOMES CHERYL KERN

By Maria Dal Pra

Peaine Township is excited to introduce Cheryl Kern as our new Invasive Species Administrator, a role dedicated to protecting the island's natural beauty and biodiversity. Cheryl is no stranger to this work—she previously served as the Terrestrial Invasive Species Support Specialist for Peaine Township from September to November 2024. During that time, she conducted surveys and made significant strides in identifying and addressing invasive species across the township.

One of her key early successes was tracking the source of Hound's-tongue along French Bay Road back to the road commission's gravel pit, a critical discovery in controlling its spread. She also identified narrow-leaf cattails, an invasive species that threatens Michigan's dwindling populations of native cattails—plants that are now being sought for ecological restoration projects. Cheryl's keen observations also led to the discovery of Phragmites and Tree of Heaven at the transfer station, where she helped coordinate the removal of approximately 600 invasive trees with Peaine Township maintenance and her husband, Rob, who volunteered assistance. She has also been proactive in engaging landowners, seeking permission to remove Oriental bittersweet, another destructive invasive species.

Cheryl's passion for conservation is rooted in her academic background. As a biology student at Western Michigan University, she spent a summer working at Indiana Dunes National Park, where she witnessed firsthand the devastating impact of invasive cattails on wetland ecosystems. This experience sparked her deep interest in wetland management and restoration, leading her to study botany and work at Kellogg Biological Station and Greenfield Herb Gardens.

Peaine Township is taking bold steps to combat invasive species, recently amending its terrestrial invasive species ordinance to include aquatic species. The township now requires disclosure of certain invasive plants—such as invasive Phragmites and Invasive Knotweeds—during property sales. Additional partnerships with Central Michigan University will bring two summer interns to Beaver Island to assist in invasive species management from late May through mid-August. A volunteer work week is also in the planning stages for July, complete with a community breakfast to kick off each day.

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This year, Peaine Township will be focusing on utilizing funds from the historic "Save Our Shoreline" initiative. The donations are specifically designated for phragmites control efforts. Additionally, a comprehensive action plan is in the planning stages in order to tackle some of the most destructive invasive species on the island, including Phragmites, Japanese knotweed, Tree of Heaven, Autumn olive, Garlic mustard, Wild parsnips, and European swamp thistle. Hound's-tongue, a newer arrival to the island, is still in the early stages of establishment—giving us the rare opportunity for total eradication before it becomes a widespread problem.

Public education and community involvement will be key to our success. Cheryl and the township will work to raise awareness through direct outreach, social media, Northern Islander articles, and public informational meetings. By working together, we can protect Beaver Island's unique ecosystem and preserve its rich natural heritage for generations to come.

In this position, Cheryl Kern's will be leading this critical effort. Please join us in welcoming her to this new role and supporting our shared mission of safeguarding our island from invasive species!

Do you have a story to share?

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A HISTORY OF THE NEWSPAPERS OF BEAVER ISLAND

By Jacque LaFreniere

The first newspaper on Beaver Island was actually the first weekly newspaper for the whole of Northern Michigan, then known as the Mackinac Region. Its first issue was published on Dec. 12, 1850 and was called The Northern Islander. James Jesse Strang brought a printing press to the Island the previous summer for the purpose of the newspaper as well as printing pamphlets. Eventually the paper was published daily. When Strang was killed June 16, 1856, the newspaper ended production. It was not until almost 100 years later that the next Island newspaper was published, The Beaver Beacon.

The Beaver Beacon (aka The Beacon) began as a publication of the Beaver Island Civic Association in January of 1955. Filled with Island news, it was printed on a mimeograph (ditto) machine. All who were members of the Civic Association received a copy. (The Civic Association was a precursor to the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce.) The Beaver Beacon had many editors over the years.

In 1988, the Civic Association disbanded and the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce was born. The Beacon was sold to Ray and Ann Stanhope. In Sept. of 1992, the Beacon was again sold, this time to Paul and Anne Glendon who hired editors- Kitty McNamara was the first, then Rob Cole and finally Chuck Hooker. In August of 1993, Chuck Hooker purchased the Beacon, editing it until March of 2002 when Liam and Marilyn Racine took over the paper. They had it just a few short months before selling it to the Cashmans (Bill and Jeff) who took it to new publishing heights- color, glossy editions. The Cashmans continued with the Beacon until 2014. Cindy Ricksgers was next on the editorial line running it for a few years before Steve and Elaine West purchased it as a supplement to the NorthernIslander, in 2017.

In 2001, Elaine West, Jacque LaFreniere and Steve West started the new Northern Islander, a monthly newspaper. “The new Northen Islander was the first time Beaver Island had a professional publication that segregated news stories and opinion pieces. Elaine worked nearly full time on it for part-time pay. It was modestly profitable and I believe an Island asset,” said Business Manager Steve West. The goal was to create an actual newspaper filled with local information and happenings on the Island. There were many contributors over the years that had their own “columns”. At first it was cut and paste before sending the physical copy over to be printed at Petoskey News Review. Later on the issues were saved on CDs before submitting for printing. Finally, technology improved to the point that the entire issue could be sent digitally. The Wests ran the newspaper until 2019 when it was sold to Cynthia Johnson, the last editor prior to the purchase of the publication by the Beaver Island Historical Society.

“I’m thrilled the NorthernIslander will continue and hope the new editor will enjoy capturing the beauty of the island and the warmth of the people as much as I did,” said Elaine West.

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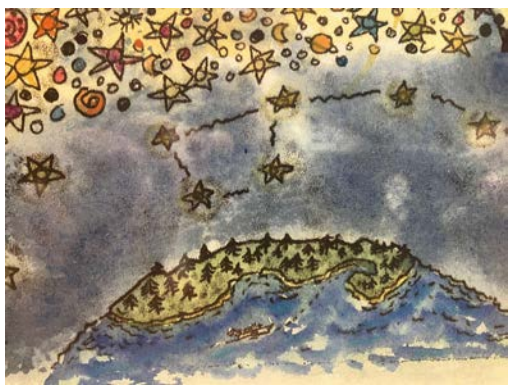

MARY'S MAGIC

By Joseph Slaney

Beneath the vast Milky Way,
the Big and Little Dipper,
below comets faraway,
sprinkling stardust and glitter,
hemlocks in light silvery,
beside towering white pines,
rise wind-swept and glimmery,
along shimmering shorelines.
There, chipmunks and porcupines,
around long vines and tree roots,
dance in raucous chorus lines
in flouncy skirts and black boots,
and jewel-eyed, caped coyotes,
with their tasseled tails entwined,
down pathways prance, fancy-free,
amid lightning bugs, so kind,
while bright comets, faraway,
shower stardust and glitter,
beneath the vast Milky Way,
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NORTH COUNTRY OPERA MAKES BEAVER ISLAND DEBUT

By Elsie Burton

North Country Opera is making its Beaver Island debut as a fundraiser for the Patrons of the Arts in Rural Communities (Beaver Island Music Festival) and the Beaver Island Community Center July 16 at 6pm.

North Country Opera, Jay Stielstra's best known and most popular musical play, has been performed across Michigan since 1982. It is the north country's own version of a timeless love story: a young man falls in love with the beauty of the northern woods and rivers – and a woman he meets there.

The most recent staging of the play - sold-out performance at The Ark in Ann Arbor in 2022 - was recorded, capturing every musical note, comedic line, and bar-stool wise crack in high fidelity. Since then, North Country Opera: Live at The Ark has been screened in theaters in Ann Arbor and multiple locations in northern Michigan. Written, produced, directed and performed by Michiganders, North Country Opera: Live at the Ark has been referred to as a love-letter to Michigan.

And, in North Country Opera tradition, any attendee wearing plaid will be entered in a drawing to win another iconic symbol of northern Michigan – a Stormy Kromer hat.

All profits from that recording, North Country Opera: Live at The Ark, including sales from theater tickets DVDs, are donated to charitable organizations that promote environmental conservation or performing arts in Michigan. All proceeds from the July 16 screening at Beaver Island Community Center will be divided between PARC and the Beaver Island Community Center. Tickets are $25.

ABOUT NORTH COUNTRY OPERA

North Country Opera has been produced more than any other of Jay's plays. It premiered in 1982 as the second play ever produced at the original Performance Network in Ann Arbor. Since then, it has been revived in 1992, 1993, and 2003 in Ann Arbor, and has toured across Northern Michigan: Petosky, Mackinaw Island, Escanaba, Frankfurt, and Cheboygan. A sequel, North Country Opera Continued, premiered at the Ark in 2003 to rave reviews.

It is a loving tribute to the people and culture of northern Michigan: fishing for trout in the cold rivers, hunting for birds in the autumn woods, snowmobiling in the winter (and of course, the comaraderie and wit of local characters found in a favorite tavern).

The play includes some of Stielstra's most memorable folk songs – including I Love Two Rivers, Heaven for Me, The Boats Came in to Ludington and more – all performed by a cast of Michigan musical and theater luminaries: starring Rochelle Clark and Brad Phillips with Chris Buhalis, Kristi Davis, Peter Knox, Christina McMullen, David Menefee, and Italy-based artist Aaron Stielstra. The Buckhorn Bar Band features Music Director Judy Banker with Michigan music favorites David Roof, Grant Flick and Charlie Reischl.

ABOUT JAY STIELSTRA

Jay Stielstra wrote songs, plays, and poems that capture the natural beauty of Michigan for nearly 50 years. He died on March 1, 2024. Among many accolades for his work, Jay was awarded a Special Legislative Tribute by the State of Michigan in 2017 recognizing his lifetime of "artistic brilliance and unwavering dedication to protecting Michigan's unique environment and natural resources for generations to come."

At a memorial celebration of his life, he received a Special Gubernatorial Tribute from Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist to honor his memory, noting "his life and legacy will be forever cherished in the hearts of all those that were touched by his kindness, inspired by his passion, and uplifted by his unwavering dedication to making a positive impact."

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ABOUT THE BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

The Beaver Island Community Center fills an important role for residents and visitors to the island. It hosts a wide variety of activities, including concerts, theater rental space, physical activities, games, work spaces, internet/printing, and a gathering space. The Center's mission is to promote an enduring sense of community, cooperation and pride among the Island's diverse friends, families and visitors. It works closely with community organizations on the island and owns and operates WVBI, the island's community radio station. Check out the Beaver Island Community Center website for more event information.

ABOUT THE BEAVER ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

For over twenty years, founders Carol and Dan Burton have been hosting the Beaver Island Music Festival on their property in Beaver Island. It has become one of the most unique music festivals in the state. The festival promotes the variety and tradition of all music and art. It aims to create opportunities for all artists, be an educational resource, and strongly encourage community and family involvement in an outdoor environment combining nature, renewable energies, music, and artwork.

The 2025 Beaver Island Music Festival runs from July 17-19, and features acts that cross a wide variety of musical genres: folk-rock, roots, indie rock, alt rock, "dusty Americana," electronic slime funk, and more.

KING JAMES STRANG'S CANE

By Dave Findlay

While the finding of the Scepter and Crown is an April Fools' cutline. Below is an actual story about a unique relic hoping to capture the attention of the Antique Road Show Crew coming to Charlevoix on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at Castle Farms. The Michigan Mormon leader's cane is said to have come from his pirate boat the "Eclipse".

After Mormon Leader Joseph Smith's assassination in June 1844. James Jesse Strang claimed to be Smith's successor. Strang was a Mormon dissident. In 1847, James Jesse Strang established a polygamous community of about 3,000 people on Beaver Island 32 miles from Charlevoix on Lake Michigan. In 1856, he died by gunshots by two former "Strangites".

It's claimed Strang had a pirate ship called the Eclipse and that this cane/walking stick was made from the wreckage of that boat. A New York Times article of January 5, 1907 states the pirate ship was captured by State Officers after a bloody fight in1855 and the vessel was set on fire. Nearly all of Strang's pirates died fighting.

The Cane is Inscribed with the following details:
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RELIC OF A PIRATE BAND.

Hull of the Eclipse, a Notorious Lake Vessel, Is Found.

Special to The New York Times.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Jan. 4.—The hull of the boat Eclipse, of which "Pirate King" Strang of Beaver Island was Captain half a century ago, has been found, and Judge Joseph H. Steere, Charles S. Osborn, J. B. Eddy, and State Game Warden C. H. Chapman of this city have obtained pieces of it and had them made into canes.

The discovery of the partly burned vessel in the sands of Beaver Island recalls a chapter in the history of Lake Michigan that reads like an ancient romance. Capt. Strang ruled over the island with an iron hand and headed one of the most desperate bands of pirates that ever infested American waters.

It was the custom to sail forth upon the great lake and lie in wait for unlucky vessels that passed, capture the craft, and either murder the sailors or make them go to the island and conform to the peculiar faith of the inhabitants, which resembled that of the early day Mormons. The whole story of the horrors of Beaver Island probably never will be written, but enough has been learned to show that the reign of Strang was of a most heartless and treacherous nature.

Many skeletons have been uncovered by residents of the island, which are supposed to be the remains of the victims of the pirate band. Numerous old hulls also have been found beneath the waves, the remains of ill-fated vessels which were destroyed by Strang and his men.

The Eclipse was captured by State officers, after a bloody fight, in 1855, and the vessel set afire. Nearly all of Strang's pirates died fighting.

The New York Times
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DARK SKY PROCLAMATION

Submitted by Maria Dal Pra

Each year, Dark Sky International designates an entire week to celebrate International Dark Sky Week across the world. It is estimated that one billion people are reached through media outlets during Dark Sky Week, demonstrating a growing global awareness of the impact of light pollution.

As a newly designated International Dark Sky Sanctuary, one of only twenty-two in the world, it is the mission and goal of the Beaver Island Dark Sky Project to also spread this awareness. This year, the Project committee collaborated with Beaver Island Townships' Board members to issue a Dark Sky Week Proclamation for the island. Peaine Township Supervisor, Maria Dal Pra and board members rushed the proclamation through to serve the Sanctuary and Project's committee request for the proclamation. Dal Pra is also a member of the Beaver Island Dark Sky Project committee and presents Dark Sky Awareness programming at the Beaver Island Retreat.

Governor Whitmer issues a Michigan Dark Sky Week Proclamation each year and it is Dark Sky International's goal to have as many Dark Sky Proclamations as possible in the news, spreading awareness to the public via local legislatures and community's proclamations.

St. James Township supervisor, Bobbi Welke, and that Board's members are great supporters of the dark skies' protection effort on the island and also addopted a similar proclamation in March.

While the Beaver Island State Wildlife Research Area, International Dark Sky Sanctuary is so remote and isolated that it is not a requirement for them to hold large public events on fragile and protected wildlife areas; the Project Committee, along with the Beaver Island Association do create awareness by other means. The "sanctuary" Facebook page, and the Beaver Island Dark Sky Project Facebook page, Instagram and X promotions serve to publicize on social media. www.darkskyisland.org is the official website, and the Preservation Association of Beaver Island supports and promotes dark skies protection awareness through programs broadcast on WVBI 91.9 FM and at the Community Center and Chamber of Commerce.

On the community calendars, you will find many dark sky events that occur in the dark skies and any other upcoming events.
In June, during the Beaver Island Sustainability Fair, committee members will present at Central Michigan University and host a group from Michigan Aurora Chasers that will lead a Northern Lights Stargazing Chase and Photography session. You will hear more about that next month in the Northern Islander.

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You can look forward to many wonderful and naturally occurring dark sky events with or without telescopes, and on your own with your friends and family now and in the future, thanks to the preservation's efforts of this project for dark skies and other environmental protection groups of Beaver Island.

If you would like to volunteer or help out with events or join us in any way, please consider contributing donations to the project or contacting us via the Beaver Island Association, www.beaverislandassociation.org.

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, light pollution negatively impacts both human health and environmental well-being, disrupting ecosystems and diminishing the natural beauty of our night skies; and

WHEREAS, inefficient outdoor lighting contributes to light pollution, obstructing the breathtaking view of the night sky that residents and visitors of Beaver Island cherish; and

WHEREAS, preserving dark skies benefits wildlife, supports scientific research, enhances public enjoyment of natural areas, and promotes responsible outdoor lighting practices; and

WHEREAS, Beaver Island's unique location in northern Lake Michigan provides an exceptional opportunity for stargazing and appreciating meteorological events such as the Northern Lights; and

WHEREAS, Peaine Township recognizes the importance of protecting our night skies as part of our commitment to environmental conservation and the sustainability of our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Dark Sky Week serves as an opportunity to educate the community on responsible lighting practices, reduce unnecessary light pollution, and celebrate the wonder of our night sky;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Peaine Township officially proclaims **April 21–28, 2025, as Dark Sky Week**, with the island celebration to take place from the new moon on **August 23rd through Labor Day,** encouraging all residents and visitors to join in efforts to reduce light pollution and appreciate the beauty of our star-filled sky.

Signed this 11th **day of** March**, 2025**

[Signature] Maria Y. Dal Pra

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IN HONOR OF BEVERLY WELCH

Submitted by Thomas Welch

Beverly “Bev” Louise Welch, 79, of Beaver Island, formerly of Lapeer, passed away on March 12, 2025. Bev was born on May 24, 1945, in Flint to parents Earl and Marjorie (Hall) Bryant.

Bev graduated from Lapeer West High School Class of 1963, where she was a cheerleader and voted homecoming queen. Bev worked for many years as a social worker for General Motors and later as a job counselor helping people after the layoffs. Bev was involved with many community programs, most recently preparing meals at Beaver Island Lighthouse School and celebrating the International Dark Sky Sanctuary Declaration of Beaver Island in 2024. She was very outspoken, keen on human insight, wild at heart, and a free spirit who lived life as she saw fit. She loved everything about nature and felt most at home outside. She found peace during her long walks on the beach and prided herself on eating and living a healthy, all-natural life. Bev enjoyed singing and playing the piano, but most of all, she loved spending time with her family—especially her beloved children and grandchildren whom she cared so deeply for.

Bev is survived by her sons: Thomas Welch of Okemos, Eric (Nicole) Welch of Lapeer, & Jonathan (Melissa) Welch of Traverse City; grandchildren: Kelsey, Nikita, Caspian, Bryant, Shane, Daxton, Maya, & Devina; and her brother Ken Bryant of Lapeer. She was preceded in death by her aforementioned parents. Visitation for Beverly will be held at Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Lapeer on March 20th from 4:00-8:00 PM. Please share memories and condolences at www.muirbrotherslapeer.com.

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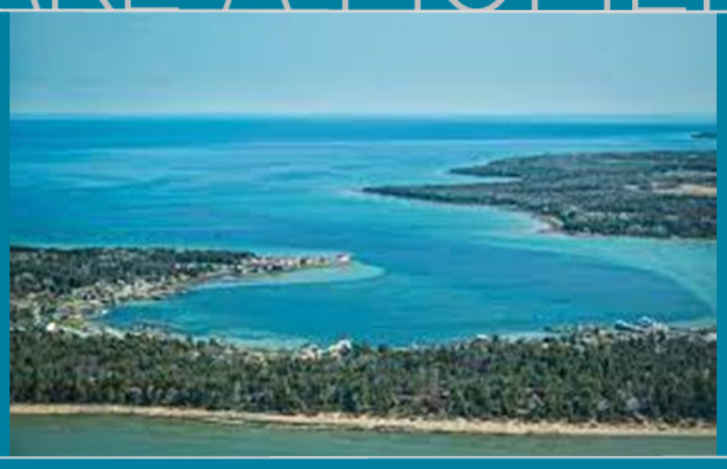

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BEAVER ISLAND RURAL HEALTH CENTER

News From The Beaver Island Rural Health Center

By Frank D'Andraia

Beaver Island Rural Health Center Announces Transition Joan Matejovsky, FNP-C Departing, Board Announces Comprehensive Search

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center today announced that Joan Matejovsky, FNP-C is departing the health center effective May 3.

Joan Matejovsky first began her work at the Beaver Island Rural Health Center as a Certified Nurse Practitioner in 2019. In her letter of resignation Ms. Matejovsky indicated she made this difficult decision to relocate to the mainland for personal reasons. "Joan has been an excellent match for our island communities," said Frank D'Andraia, President Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board of Directors. "She made a difference in the health center's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life on Beaver Island and throughout her tenure she worked with unparalleled professionalism and purpose." He added, "On behalf of the board and center personnel, we wish Joan and her husband Bill the very best in all their future endeavors. They will be missed."

With this announcement, the board would also like to assure the community that your medical care shall be uninterrupted. Joan's colleagues Kim Wysocki, PA-C, Brandon Vincent, FNP-C and Doctors King, Mann and Martin will fulfill her duties until an appropriate replacement has been found. The search process is now underway.

In-Home Care Aid Training Underway Comfort Keepers® to Begin Offering Service By Summer

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center and Board is pleased to announce that Comfort Keepers® has begun training three islanders who will, upon completion of their coursework, practicums and certification exams, deliver the highest quality of individualized, in-home care for island seniors and other residents in need of specialized in-home assistance. The islanders undergoing this specialized training are Lonnie Allen, Frances Bell Lamb, and Brianna Maudrie.

The center has worked out arrangements with the Charlevoix-based home health care agency—Comfort Keepers® — to operate and manage the center's home care aids initiative. The service, which will operate independently of the center. Comfort Keepers is working to begin the health home care service this summer.

Thanks to a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the cost of educating local islanders to serve as qualified home health care aides, helped convince Comfort Keeps® to operate the service on the island. The center ran the numbers on what it would take to sustain this much needed service. Home health care is an expensive service and the health center's current revenue streams (millage, grants, patient fees and donor support) are unable to cover the annual costs associated with sustaining a long-term home health care program. Comfort Keepers® was willing to work with the center beacuse the grant initiative created a local pool of skilled and qualified on island caregivers and made their entrance into the market more financially viable. Plus the participation of Comfort Keepers® resolved three nettlesome and costly activities that the center could not successfully address:

1. Providing caregivers with professional liability insurance;
2. Offering payroll and withholding services as part of the service contract with families and most importantly;
3. Providing management of the caregivers.

The board is pleased with the progress of the initiative and is delighted that the initiative has added three new well paying jobs to the island economy.

About Comfort Keepers®

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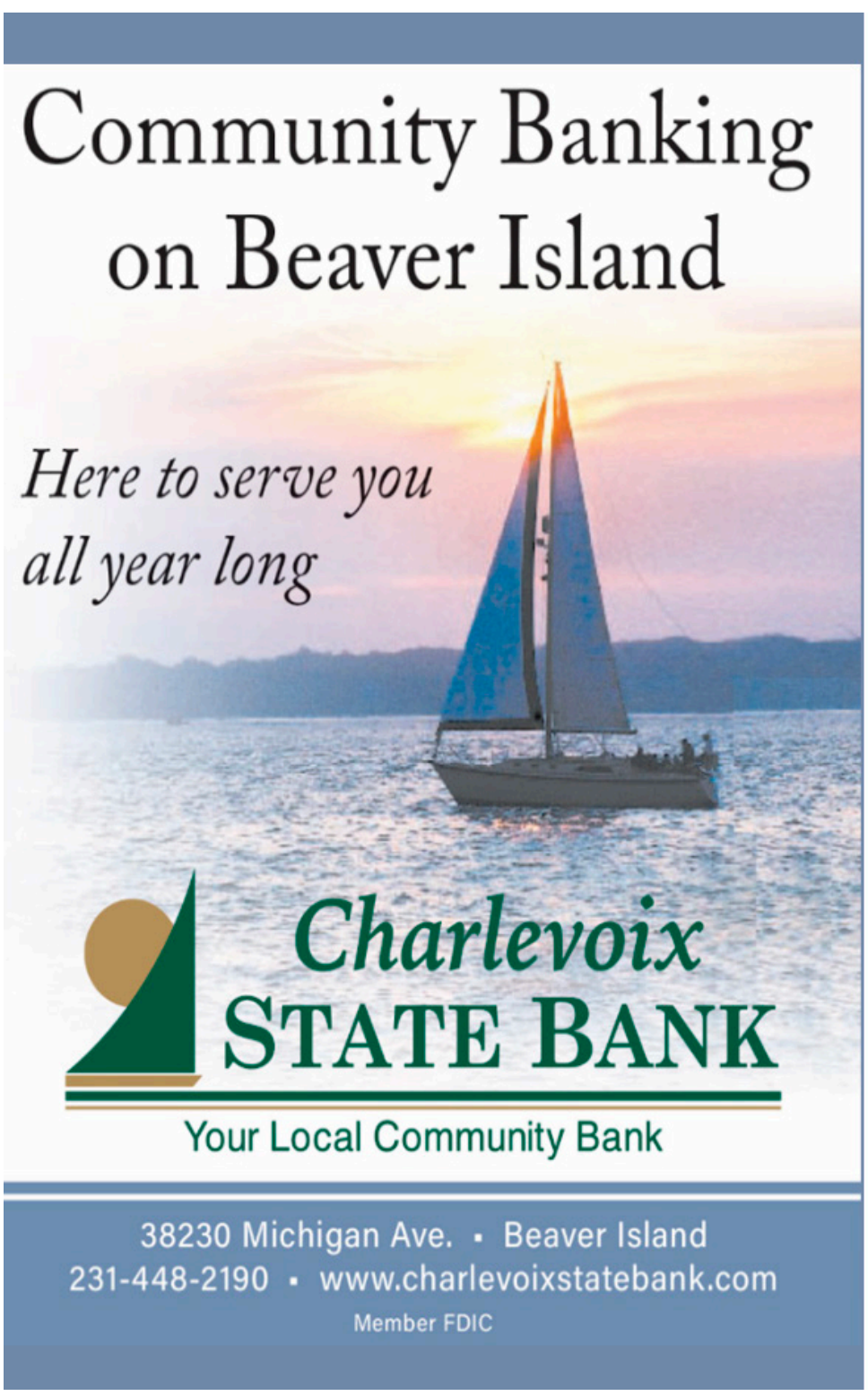

REMEMBERING JUDE MARTIN

Submitted by Dena Martin

It is always difficult saying goodbye to someone we love and cherish. Family and friends must say goodbye to their beloved Jude Martin of Beaver Island, Michigan, who passed away at the age of 86, on February 27, 2025. You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family.

He was predeceased by: his parents, Wilbur James and Sarah Agatha Martin (Gallagher); his siblings, Wilbur James Martin, William James Martin, Bernard Martin, Mary Margaret Long, Charlotte McDonough and Catherine Kohn; and his stepdaughter Jeannie Huyge.

He is survived by: his wife Dena; his children, Tracie Nester, Thomas (Heather) and Kelly Bennema (Rich); the parent of his children Dee Martin; his stepchildren, Jill York (Dave), Thomas, Jennifer and Tim VanAntwerp; his grandchildren, Adam, Aaron, Alex and Zebulun; his stepchildren, Megan, Elle, Paige, Nicholas, Rumer (Heather), Josh, Nathan and Faith; his sister Ilene Zimmerman; and his step grandchildren, Jessica, Eddie, Cassie, Brandon, Sarah, Nate, Sybelle, Alex, Brahm, Sierra and Jacob. He is also survived by 18 great-grandchildren.

A burial will be held on Saturday, May 17th 2025 at the Holy Cross Cemetery (26369 Old Church Crest Rd, Beaver Island, MI 49782).

Memorial contributions in Jude's name may be made to the Beaver Island Maritime Museum and Beaver Island Community School.

HONORING DALE SCAMEHORN

Submitted By Sheryl VanderYacht

Dale Harley Scamehorn, 90, passed away on February 26, 2025, in Grand Haven Michigan.

Born on May 3, 1934, Dale dedicated much of his life to traveling and retired from Hope College in 1995. He also served in the U.S. Navy Reserve. A devout Christian, he was a member of the Beaver Island Christian Church and found great joy in his faith and community.

Dale was a loving father to Sheryl L. VanderYacht, Susan K. Ringewold, and Robert D. Scamehorn. He was also cherished by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Richard Scamehorn, and his spouse, Sharon Scamehorn (Malloy).

An avid traveler, Dale embraced the adventure of exploring new places but always held a deep love for Beaver Island, where he made his home. His warmth and passion for life will be remembered by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held on Beaver Island this summer or fall, with details to be announced at a later date.

May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him.

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FURBABIES OF BEAVER ISLAND

By Em Antkoviak

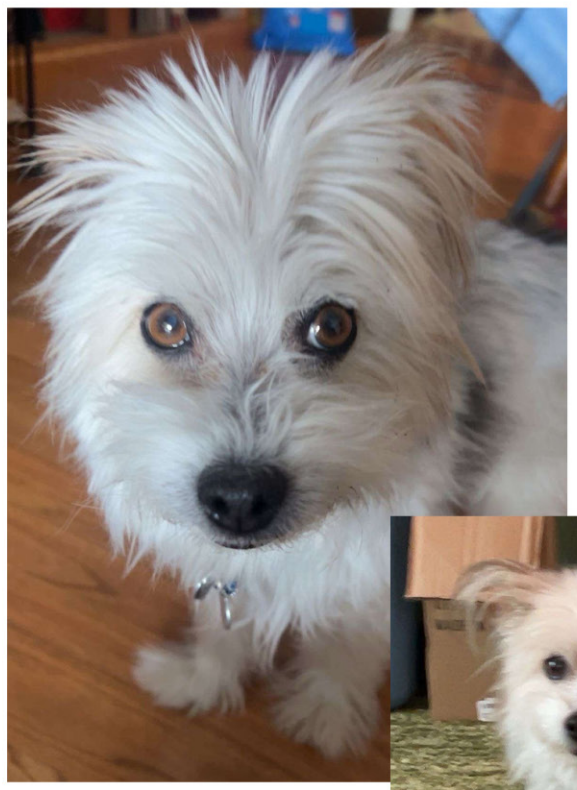
LITTLE DAISY MAE

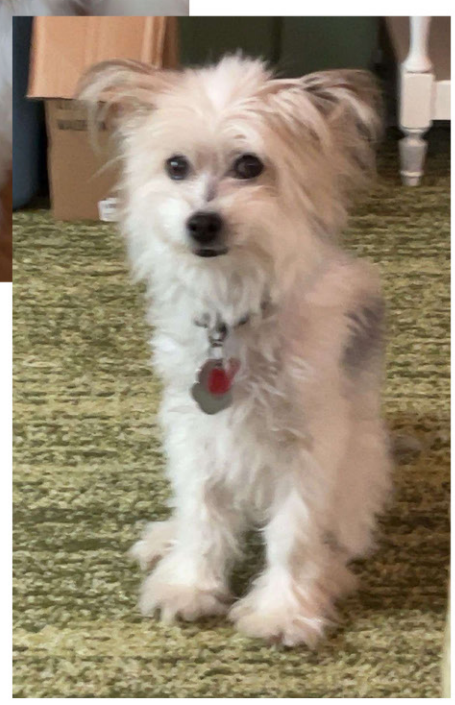
Daisy Mae has lived on Beaver Island for all of her 13 years and arrived on Christmas in 2013 to surprise her new humans. Like any other Islander, Daisy loves being outside and going on boodles and walks. Curling up with her humans, though, is also just fine.

When she isn't eating or taking a nap, she enjoys snuggling up on the couch and looking out the window at all the birds that stop by to say hello. She's not too fond of haircuts, but she'll sit still if there are treats involved.

Daisy has been to the mainland a handful of times, and while she seems to enjoy it over there, she also enjoys being in the home she's known her whole life.

Daisy Mae





CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS

By Julia A. Drost

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on March 12, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda, as amended.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #25-031, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved to reconsider the Addendum to the Union Agreement.

Motion approved to hold 2 Two-day Household Hazardous Waste Events with latex paint for $13.00/gallon with flyers instructing on proper disposal of latex paint.

Motion approved Resolution #25-032, Beaver Island Meal Program.

Motion approved Resolution #25-033, Adopt Addendum to the Union Agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #25-034, Whiting Park 2025 Facility Rental and Deposit Fee Rate Changes.

Motion approved Resolution #25-035, Whiting Park Facilities Rental Agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #25-036, Whiting Park Rules and Regulations Revisions.

Motion approved Resolution #25-037, Charlevoix County Drug Court Carpet Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #25-038, Charlevoix County Jury Room Carpet Purchase.

Motion to table Resolution #25-039, Shirley Roloff Center Roof.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 10:49 a.m. Complete copies of the Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

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